UTs are under different stages of finalisation for inclusion in National Coastal Protection Project, which will be finalized on receipt of modified proposals from States/UTs. Also, a proposal for Centrally Sponsored Scheme for protection of critical reaches from sea erosion and anti river erosion works is in the process of formulation.

Clearance to pending irrigation projects in Maharashtra

4377. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending irrigation projects of Maharashtra;

(b) the reasons for the projects lying pending; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the clearance of pending irrigation projects of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The details of irrigation projects of Maharashtra received in Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal and the present status of appraisal are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 43]

(b) The main reasons why these projects are lying pending is that the State Government has not promptly responded to various queries relating mainly to irrigation planning, Hydrology, cost, design aspects, economic aspect, concurrence of State Finance Department etc.

(c) Clearance of the projects is linked to the promptness with which the State Government complies with the outstanding observations of the various Central Appraising Agencies.

Ground water level in U.P.

4378. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board in association with the